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1. MIN ED HAS PROVIDED DETAILS SOV. DEL. IN EDUCATIONAL
RESEARCH FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28 (SU-317).

2. MEMBERS WILL BE:

A. V. N. ALEXANDROV, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION,
RSFSR, DELGATION CHAIRMAN.

B. K. N. VOLKOV, HEAD, PEDAGOGICAL SECTION, USSR MIN ED.

C. Z. S. MIROVCHENKOVA, RESEARCHER, LENINGRAD STATE
PEDAGOGICAL INST. (GERTSEN).

D. S. I. PETRUSHIN, DOCENT, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, MOSCOW
STATE PEDAGOGICAL INST. (LENIN).

3. DELEGATION PURPOSE IS TO STUDY ORGANIZATION OF
PEDAGOGICAL RESEARCH WORK AND APPLICATION OF RESEARCH
RESULTS IN PRACTICAL WORK OF SCHOOLS.

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4. FOLLOWING LIST OF INTERESTS INCLUDES MORE THAN CAN BE

COVERED. DEPT/OE ARE REQUESTED TO BUILD PROGRAM WITHIN RANGE OF INTERESTS, AS PRACTICAL AND DESIRABLE.

5. DELEGATION DESIRES OBSERVE WORK OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER OF EDUCATION (ERIC). ALSO REGIONAL LABORATORIES OF NEWTON, MASS. (MODERNIZATION OF CONTENT OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION); COLUMBUS, OHIO (DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION); AND MADISON, WISCONSIN (FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH INTO MECHANISM OF COGNITION PROCESS OF STUDENTS).

6. AS FEASIBLE, DELGATION WISHES BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH WORK AT FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:

(A) COLUMBIA: QUESTIONS OF ECONOMY OF EDUCATION; MEET PROFESSORS LAWRENCE KREMIN AND HAROLD NOAH.

(B) U. OF CHICAGO: DIDACTICS, DEVELOPMENT OF TAXONOMY, PURPOSES OF EDUCATION AND OBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF RESULTS; MEET PROFESSOR BENJAMIN BLUME.

(C) STANFORD: USAGE OF MATHEMATICAL METHODS IN PEDAGOGICAL STUDIES, CENTER FOR MATHEMATICAL METHODS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, TEACHING MATHEMATICS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD (PROFESSOR ATKINSON).

(D) CORNELL: STUDIES OF DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN OF PRESCHOOL AGE; PREPARATION OF CHILDREN FOR EDUCATION, INTERACTION OF SCHOOL AND FAMILY IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILD; PROFESSOR YU. BRONFENTRENNER.

(E) FLORIDA STATE: NEW CONCEPTS IN USAGE OF TECHNICAL AIDS IN EDUCATION; PROFESSOR MORGAN.

(F) INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, LOS ANGELES; PROFESSOR GARFIELD.

(G) U. OF PITTSBURG; MASS STUDY TO ASSESS RESULTS OF SCHOOL WORK (PROJECT "TALANT").

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(H) HARVARD: DEVELOPING NEW PROGRAMS IN THE SOCIAL DISCIPLINES.

7. AS FEASIBLE IN SCHEDULE, DELEGATION DESIRES VISIT PILOT SCHOOLS WHERE RESEARCH WORK IS BEING APPLIED.

8. ALSO WISHES SEE DEPT OF EDUCATION AUTOMATED CONTROL

SYSTEMS IN STATES OF MASSACHUSETTS AND CALIFORNIA.

9. DIPLOMATIC NOTE BEING POUCHED FEBRUARY 4, BUT ABOVE IS EXHAUSTIVE--AND EXHAUSTING--LIST OF CONTENTS. DESPITE OBVIOUS EXCESS OF INTERESTS OVER TIME AVAILABLE, DELEGATION APPEARS TO BE SERIOUS, HARD-WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL BENEFIT FROM MAXIMUM PROFESSIONAL OBSERVATION AND MINIMUM TOURISM. SUGGEST SCHEDULE ALLOW FOR REASONABLE REST TIME HOWEVER.

10. MIN ED SAYS NO POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF DEPUTY MINISTER'S OBLIGATIONS.

11. MIN ED PREPARED TO RECEIVE US DEL. AT TIME OF OUR CHOICE.

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